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NO "CRITIC" ON MONDAY.

Monday being recognized as a general holiday on which the social and ecclesiastical celebration of Christmas takes place, no paper will be issued from this office on that day.

CHRISTMAS.

To old and young—to friends and families, gazing backward through the mists of years, and to little children, rosy with the tints of morning—comes Christmas like an inspiration.

To the one, as trees laden with ripened fruit, it is full of consecrated memories; to the other, as it were spring blossoming into summer, it glows with the happiest of anticipations.

It seems a long, long time since the old themselves were young and hanging up their stockings, as the little folks will do to-night, but the line of kinship and succession that binds the hearts of all Christendom to the anniversary we are about to celebrate goes, unbroken from generation to generation, and to the same sweet music.

The anthems that we sing to-day, in the same spirit if not in the same words, were sung a hundred years ago; are but echoes of the angelic voices that resounded over the stately plains of Judea when the Christ was born.

The festival that we keep can never fade out of observance, because of its sympathetic identification with the faith we profess. It carries us back to the manger in Bethlehem and leads us onward to the streets of the New Jerusalem.

It is the suggestion of a perennial promise; and even as it has become a stated solemnity of the church, so has it entered into our social economy. Nor is it any the less sacred in that it is also secular. Holiday and holy day both, it is recognized by the civil law as by religious ritual, and around the hearth, as around the altar, bespeaks the near relationship of God to man, and of man to his fellow-man.

There is no other anniversary that can take its place or with which we would not sooner part.

There are holidays that appeal to our love of country and stir all our patriotic impulses. There are holidays that invoke our tributes to the heroic dead and the illustrious achievements they wrought. There are days that commemorate great men and great events that we do well to honor, for all festivities that lift us above the work-day round of the world to loftier planes of vision and reflection are to be cherished and encouraged.

But Christmas alone reminds us year by year of the birth of One who, in the spiritual likeness of the Father, put on an incarnate form as the Son, to exemplify in his daily walk and conversation the virtues that most exalt mankind and in the manner of his death to teach the sublimest lesson of self-sacrifice upon the pages of the world's history.

There is no other feast-day on the calendar so calculated to develop the impulses of man's nature and warm his human recognition and so charmingly interwoven with the amenities of social life, shown that it had no common origin.

It is universal and permanent. Its evergreens are ever green. The sailor on the stormy sea to-night will catch glimpses of its radiance from some far off cottage. The soldier in his camp will hear the melody of its chimes in his dreams. The lonely wanderer in distant lands, reverting in his reveries to long past Christmas eves, will hear their musical footfalls in the beatings of his heart.

In all lands and all climes it will be observed and remembered as the Day of Beneficence.

It recalls with pathetic and appealing emphasis God's best gift to man. Hence it is regarded as peculiarly an occasion for the best gifts of God's children to one another; and as all have cause to rejoice in its coming, so should all be made to rejoice that it has come—the poor widow in her solitude, the orphans in their destitution, the suffering and friendless everywhere in their distress.

Christ, with the believers, died for them as well as for the favorites of a kindlier fortune.

Let it not be said, with Christ's name upon his lips, the Christian shall forget them; or that any of those who are blessed with an abundance, shall fail to remember how far a little substantial sympathy will go to those who have nothing.

READ THE COMPARATIVE tables furnished by the Health Office. The figures are authoritative and convincing, and certainly ought to be satisfactory, as to the salubrity of the National Capital.

ELIJAH H. NORTON of Missouri was a member of the Thirty-second Congress, and was one of five members, on July 15, 1861, voted in the negative on a resolution pledging the House of Representatives to all measures necessary for

the suppression of the rebellion. This out historical fact would have probably come to light had it not been that in the course of events Judge Norton has become a candidate for gubernatorial honors, and it is necessary of course that the people should know all about his record. Considering, however, a good many things that have happened in the last twenty-five years toward patching up the rents of the late impositions, we do not think a little thing like that should stand in the Judge's way. He is as good a man as any Confederate sympathizer who has ever re-entered the Federal fold to feed upon its emoluments.

HENRY WATKINSON of the *Courier-Journal* has an interesting paper in *Harper's Magazine* for January, on the tariff from the standpoint of the Slaveholding Confederacy. One of the most striking points of the article is the contrast which Mr. Watkinson draws between the institution of slavery and the system of protection. He says:

"The manufacturers also think they cannot live and prosper unless the subsidies which they enjoy under the tariff, and which relate to the just demands of reforms, should take to their minds and hearts a lesson out of the darkest chapter in American history."

The slaves, he says, "are not to raise taxes, but to enjoy a profit without the protection to be enjoyed in slave labor. Out of that come now the gigantic and hateful power which through fifty years has arrayed our national life, beginning upon the lines of an economic galaxy, the institutions thus arrayed against the fundamental principle of our republican fabric, at once so simple and sublime, devolving upon an oligarchic aristocracy."

All the while it was a thorough delusion as a system of labor, money and credit; as a political influence, despite of its moral force, destructive. Like the Proletarians of the world, they would rise to nothing, and in blood and flame it was swept out of existence.

Are we to understand from this that protection is to be swept out of existence in the same dire and dreadful way?

Then it will be hurry up our coast defenses against the British freebooters.

Attorney-General Garland—A new hat and coat.

General Sheridan—An army. Senator Sherman—A Room, stamped '88. Senator Evarts—A short sentence.

P. M. G. VILES—An Interior Decoration.

Secretary Fairchild—A little more substance, please.

Colonel Endecott—A few coast defenses.

Secretary Whitney—A painted ship upon a painted ocean.

Congressman Randall—One wing of the Democratic party without a flap.

Speaker Carlisle—The other wing with a flap.

Secretary Bayard—A fish hook baited with the American flag.

Don M. Dickinson—A Mugwump's scalp.

Postmaster General—Something better.

Eugene Higgins—Blissful rest.

Colonel Nick Bell—A wife.

Chief Justice Waite—A box of dynamite bon-bons.

J. G. Blaine—No hole in his stocking.

Moses Burritt, Lattrell, Willett, Gardner, Davis, Ross, Ball, Creevy, Morgan, Lovejoy, Enright, Fenwick, John Pope Hodnett, et al.—Letter-carrier uniforms in sizes to suit.

"Whoreson" Morrison—John Baker's seat in Congress.

Internal Revenue Commissioner Miller—A ticket for '88 reading Cleveland and Miller.

Senator Blair—Riddleberger's veracity on a charge.

Secretary Anderson of the National Board of Promotion—The three Americas on exhibition.

Commissioner Ludlow—General Boynton's blood.

District Commissioners—A new school board—in a box.

Professor E. W. Fox—A portion of the Treasury surplus for the National Republican League.

Colonel Moore—Two hundred and fifty additional policemen.

Silson Hutchins—Further evidence that Washington is an eight-page town.

John Chamberlain—A sure cure for the root.

Washington, D. C.—The celebration of the Constitutional Centennial in 1889, and the 60th anniversary of the discovery of America in 1882.

The White House—A pretty little Tooty Wooley.

All of us—the earth.

## NOTES AND GOSSIP.

KANSAS HAS 8000 MILES of railroad, and ranks as third in the list of railroad States.

CHRISTMAS comes but once a year to make up the rents of the company, Government included.

THE SHOT RUMMAGE of Portland, Me., employ 97 men and 38 women, and last year did \$2,800,000 worth of business.

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COMMISSIONER GLOVER of Missouri announces himself a candidate for the Governorship of that State. He frankly admits that he wants the office; and we all know he is abundantly competent to fill it.

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SPiritualists, Col. 7TH AND L STS., N. W.—A meeting of the stockholders of the Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company, to be held at the office of the company, Government Street, on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1867.

Policy-holders are hereby notified to renew their policies on or before Monday in December, 1867, for the year 1868.

The rate of interest on all renewals will be one per cent. on the premium notes.

Please attend to your business before the last day and thus avoid the crowd.

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OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF NEW YORK, C. W.—1227 F street, N. W.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 1867.

The annual meeting of the Barber Asylumaving Company, to be held at its office, No. 1 Broadway, in the city of New York, N. Y., January 15, 1868, will be held at 10 A. M. to determine the number of shares of the capital stock of said company to stand an amount as a majority of the stockholders may direct.

D. O. WICKHAM, Secretary.

OFFICE OF F. & G. GRAVELY & CO., MARTINSVILLE, VA.—1227 F street, N. W.

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